

provided on both sides of the lever, at least one of the toothed racks is guided in a lower sliding guide plate provided in the lower part of the housing and in an upper sliding guide plate on the lever in such a manner that during the downward motion of the lever the toothed rack indirectly engages the transporting roll and the first gear and said rack is disengaged for the upward motion.

2. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the transporting roll is connected with a gear wheel on the same axle, which is engageable with the toothed rack.

3. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first gear wheel is rotatably supported resting against a tensioning spring.

4. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a second transporting roll is provided, which is driven by the first toothed rack.

5. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the second transporting roll is provided with a circumferential groove, and the two transporting rolls mesh together in a slightly overlapping manner.

6. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the two transporting rolls are knurled in axial direction.

7. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the cutting means comprises a lever arm controlled by the first gear wheel and a knife arranged on the lever arm.

8. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the lever arm is rotatably supported in the housing at its end opposite the knife, and is provided with a sliding guide plate, which can be moved by a cam on the first gear wheel towards the transporting roll.

9. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the knife is of triangular shape.

10. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the lever is provided with a cam for transporting the severed strip of adhesive tape.

11. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the roll of adhesive tape with its take-up device, the transporting roll and the folding roll are mounted on a common support member or insert, which is insertable into the housing.

Add claims 12-20 as follows:

12. An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the first gear wheel is rotatably supported resting against a tensioning spring.

13. An apparatus according to claim 3, wherein a second transporting roll is provided, and is driven by the first toothed rack.

14. An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the cutting means comprises a lever arm controlled by the first gear wheel and a knife arranged on the lever arm.

15. An apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the cutting means comprises a lever arm controlled by the first gear wheel and a knife arranged on the lever arm.

16. An apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the lever is provided with a cam for transporting the severed strip of adhesive tape.

17. An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the lever is provided with a cam for transporting the severed strip of adhesive tape.

18. An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the roll of adhesive tape with its take-up device, the transporting roll and the folding roll are mounted on a common support member or insert, which is insertable into the housing.

19. An apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the roll of adhesive tape with its take-up device, the transporting roll and the folding roll are mounted on a common support member or insert, which is insertable into the housing.

20. An apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the roll of adhesive tape with its take-up device, the transporting roll and the folding roll are mounted on a common support member or insert, which is insertable into the housing.